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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action of November 18, 2004, please amend the above captioned application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as is shown on the attached sheets.

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 12-23 and 28 is respectfully traversed as follows.

The applicant notes from the Information Disclosure Citation form attached to the office action that the examiner appears to be relying on the Opinion in *Chemical Separation Technology, Inc. v. United States*, 14, 1999, 45 Fed. Cl. 513, 53 U.S.P.Q.2d 1419. The applicant respectfully points out that at this juncture a more recent Opinion, which the applicant has already submitted, in *Chemical Separation Technology, Inc. v. United States*, 63 U.S.P.Q.2d (2002) is more apposite. At 63 USPQ2d 1156 it was held, after considering all prior art of record including the prior art cited by the examiner in the office action, that claims 8-23 and 22 in US Patent No. 5,370,800 which correspond to claims 12-23 and 28 in the present application are valid. The claims in the present application have, therefore, been amended to conform them to this Opinion.

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